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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) backed an effort to provide an extension of unemployment benefits.

H.R. 5749, Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act, passed the House by a vote of 274-155.

“It’s clear our economy is in trouble. As prices for gas, food and other necessities continue to rise and the unemployment rate continues to climb, it’s time to take action.”

The Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act will immediately provide up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits.

Relief would run through March 2009 and benefit 3.8 million Americans. The extended benefits will be paid to those who have exhausted their unemployment benefits.

Extending these benefits is one of the most cost-effective and fast-acting ways to stimulate the economy and create jobs.